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AIR FORCE CROSS RECIPIENTS AND THEIR CITATIONS

(Asterisks indicate posthumous awards)

ADAMS, VICTOR R.

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Title 10, Section 8742, United States Code, awards the Air Force Cross to Technical Sergeant Victor R. Adams for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an opposing armed force as a UH-1F Helicopter Aerial Gunner near Duc Co, Republic of Vietnam, on 27 November 1968. On that date, Sergeant Adams' aircraft was shot down by hostile ground fire and crashed in dense jungle. Disregarding his own injuries and the imminence of hostile activity, he assisted the copilot from the burning helicopter and returned to rescue the trapped personnel. He succeeded in pulling another man from the wreckage, before the severity of the fire and subsequent explosions forced him to abandon further rescue efforts...."

SEPTEMBER 17, 1969

AF Cross Won By Dover NCO

DOVER AFB, Del.—TSgt. Victor A. Adams was recently presented the Air Force Cross, the nation's second highest military decoration won by only a few enlisted men, Maj. Gen. Nils O. Ohman, commander of Headquarters Command.

The sergeant, now with the 2d Test Sq. at Dover, also earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters during his 12 months in Vietnam. Also presented for the award ceremony was Maj. Edward T. Kennedy, the only living man to receive two AF Crosses.



Sgt. Adams

Adams won the AF Cross for pulling two men from their burning helicopter after it crashed in dense jungle. The three were rescued in the midst of enemy fire and explosions from the downed chopper.

He had earned the DFC earlier for riding the landing skid of a helicopter as it descended through enemy fire and directing the chopper to a marooned Special Forces reconnaissance patrol.

OTHER MEDALS presented recently include:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
SCOTT — Maj. Gen. Robert W. Paulson.

SILVER STAR
PITBURG — Capt. John T. Sitzel (also Distinguished Flying Cross).

PHU TRANG — Maj. Frank D. Redder.

PALEKU — Sgt. Leif E. Arvidson.

PAKHLI — Lt. Col. Richard E. Little.

TAN SON NHUT — Maj. Guy L. Hecker.

WILLIAMS — Capt. Howard C. Thompson.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON — Sgt. James D. Tucker (also Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Purple Heart), posthumously.

LEGION OF MERIT
MICKAM — CMSgt. Jerry A. Lindsey Jr.

MAXWELL — Col. Maurice A. Berry.

McCLELLAN — Col. Gale E. Snell.

SHEPPARD — Lt. Col. Marshall E. Neal.

TINKER — Lt. Col. Stanley E. Roddy.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
BEALE — Maj. William E. Brown (also Air Medal, AF Commendation Medal).

PITBURG — Lt. Col. Thomas E. Wolters (also Bronze Star), Maj. William A. Folt.

KEESLER — Capt. Walter S. Sechrest, George R. Kirsch Jr., George P. Tyndall.

LANGLEY — Capt. George F. Skop.

LORING — Lt. Col. Lawrence L. Waitt.

PHU TRANG — Lt. Col. Ben L. Armstrong.

SHEPPARD — Maj. William H. Waters (also Air Medal).

PAKHLI — Maj. Jay B. Baker, Sgt. Glen E. Chafey.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON — Maj. Barton C. Libby, MSgt. Ron Followed (also Bronze Star, Air Medal), Sgt. Robert P. Koecher (also Air Medal).

AIRMAN'S MEDAL
MATHER — MSgt. James A. Sipes (also Air Medal).

WRIGHT-PATTERSON — Lt. Col. Daniel W. Cheatham Jr., Maj. Richard A. Hamilton.

JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL
ARLINGTON, Va. — CMSgt. A. E. Bergeron.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL
DALLAS, Tex. — Lt. Col. James E. Benedict.

AF COMMENDATION MEDAL
HQ. USAF — Col. John F. Colman.

Frank J. Dowdy, Lt. Col. Wayne M. Dozier, John P. Miller, Richard K. Wheeler.

Arnold L. Grover, David F. McCurrach Jr., Hays Bricka, Henry L. Bailey, Ralph R. Carrison, John A. Meyer, Donald A. Reeves.

Richard S. Bennett, Joseph M. Burger, Walter F. Geisinger, James R. Hendricks.

Lawrence J. Johnson, Brian R. Landergan, Billy P. White, Benjamin W. Coolidge.

Also, Maj. Charles E. Powell, John M. Schuessler, Capt. Richard W. Reid, Thomas F. Ziemer, CWO Martin Oliva, TSgt. William Mosley, Dennis R. Lape, SSgt. Allan J. Duld, Everett E. Meredith, SMSgt. Charles E. Caswell.

FT. CAMPBELL, Ky. — Capt. John R. Campbell, 1st Lts. Joseph A. Davis, Edward T. Drury, Joseph A. Kinderman, SMSgt. Ralph H. Hudson, TSgt. Charlie E. Campbell, Homer F. Welch Jr., SSgt. Allen G. Barr, Robert G. Collins, Eugene E. Holland.

Robert C. Withrow, Gerald E. Dobmeier, Sgts. James E. Farmer, Thomas A. Fiocca, Orville W. Keener, Charles J. Mitchell, Ronald E. Wheelock, AIC Thurmond L. Coleman Jr.

GEORGE — TSgt. Isiah Roberts.

GRIFFISS — MSgt. David T. Engle, SSgt. Walter C. Penix.

KEESLER — Maj. William C. Hill, Capt. William J. Dobson Jr., James J. McDonald, TSgt. Nevin J. Miller Jr., SSgt. Louis Belhery, Robert L. Young, Sgts. Marvin S. Monk, Stoney H. James.

LANGLEY — TSgt. Dennis D. Hyland, Charles E. Dorman, SSgt. Orval R. Young.

MAXWELL — Maj. Robert G. Sparkman.

McCLELLAN — MSgt. Frank J. Schreckengost, TSgt. Raymond D. Bailey, AIC Patrick M. Proffer.

NORTH CAMP DRAKE — TSgt. Robert T. Pilger, John R. Rubino.

NORTON — Lt. Col. James E. McAdoo, Maj. Norbert R. Hand Jr., Sgt. Dennis W. Garcia.

SELFIDGE — CMSgt. George A. Wooster, MSgt. Theodors J. Widen, Warren E. Taylor.

SHEPPARD — CMSgt. Guido J. Mambratti, posthumously.

TRAVIS — Lt. Col. William R. Tubos, Robert K. Birkland, Robert L. Morrill.

VANDENBERG — CWOs. Harry K. Hamilton, Walter C. Schichner, CMSgt. James A. Tallent, SMSgt. Donald C. Link, TSgt. M. Der Garabedian, SSgt. Eddie L. Martin, Lloyd L. Jacobson.

TAIPEI — MSgt. Austin N. Giles.

TINKER — AIC Stephen D. Duncan.

WHEELUS — SSgt. Austin Ronesburg.



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